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**THIRD MEMBER OF LAKES REGION "CRACK" COCAINE RING
ENTERS GUILTY PLEA TO FEDERAL DISTRIBUTION CHARGES**

Re: United States v. Mark Camire

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and N.H. State Police Colonel Gary Sloper announced that **Mark CAMIRE**, date of birth of 6/17/83, of Belmont, NH, was convicted on August 25, 2003 on crack cocaine distribution charges.

According to the affidavit accompanying a federal criminal complaint issued by U.S. Magistrate Judge James Muirhead on April 4, 2003, CAMIRE was part of a four person drug distribution network that sold "crack" cocaine, obtained from a Lawrence, Massachusetts-based source of supply, to an informant working with the N.H. State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit in the Lakes Region during January and February, 2003. Previously convicted in the case were John SWAIN of Northfield, NH and Christopher LANGILL, formerly of Belmont, NH. Also facing federal distribution charges as a result of the investigation is Junior PAULINO, date of birth 2/22/71, or Lawrence, Massachusetts.

CAMIRE entered a guilty pleas before U.S. District Judge Paul J. Barbadoro to an information charging him with possession with intent to distribute cocaine base, aka "crack" cocaine. Judge Barbadoro detained CAMIRE without bail pending his sentencing hearing scheduled for November 25, 2003. He faces a potential maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "My office is committed not only to aggressively prosecuting drug traffickers operating in Manchester and New Hampshire's other larger cities, but also those importing illegal drugs into smaller communities like those in the Lakes Region. The State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit conducted a thorough and aggressive investigation in this case, and these convictions stand as a prime example of the effectiveness of cooperative efforts between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in combating the disastrous impact of crack cocaine on our communities and their residents."

The conviction resulted from an N.H. State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante, the Lead Attorney for the District of New Hampshire in the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force ("New England OCDEF").